



**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA,
COUNTY OF FRESNO**



NOTICE OF COURT CLOSURES

ON THE IMMINENT CLOSURE OF THE CLOVIS, COALINGA, FIREBAUGH, KINGSBURG, REEDLEY, SANGER, AND SELMA BRANCH COURTS

The State of California's fiscal crisis has caused all government agencies to closely examine all operations and expenditures, and to evaluate cost efficiencies and effectiveness, wherever necessary. Despite the Fresno Superior Court's history of prudent fiscal planning, effective cost-cutting measures, and revenue generating strategies, the Court now faces an immediate deficit of \$5.4 million in the 2012-13 fiscal year that starts on July 1, 2012. Simply stated, this is the most severe fiscal crisis that the Court has ever faced and well beyond anything that could have been anticipated. In light of such a drastic situation and with less than 45 days until the start of the fiscal year, the Court has had to quickly explore options for reducing costs and increase efficiency. Due to the urgency of the situation, it was necessary to make difficult decisions quickly. The Court concluded that closing the branch courts would realize a significant and immediate cost savings and that consolidating these operations into the courts in downtown Fresno area would improve efficiency. **Therefore, pursuant to California Rule of Court, Rule 10.620(e) & (f), the Superior Court of Fresno County is hereby giving urgent notice that the courts in Coalinga, Firebaugh, Reedley, Sanger, and Selma will close on July 30, 2012. Clovis and Kingsburg will close effective August 6, 2012.**

The centralization of Court services in the City of Fresno, however, will provide the opportunity to improve operational efficiency for core court services. The Court will do its best to minimize the overall impact and make the transition as easy as possible. Any interested person or entity who wishes to comment in writing may do so by any of the following methods:

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As required by California Rule of Court, Rule 10.620 all public input received shall be provided to the person or persons making these difficult decisions.